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RIVAL DIVORCE MILLS.

A leading industry in South Dakota is the business of providing divorces. Jealousy has broken out at the practical monopoly by Sioux Falls of this industry, and the citizens of Canton have met together and determined to advertise their city as possessing peculiar attractions to tourists in search of divorces. Canton, its citizens claim, possesses one great advantage over Sioux Falls in the absence of newspaper correspondents against whom there is a city ordinance. It expects upon this ground alone to prove attractive to wealthy and prominent seekers after divorce, who do not wish their business to be published far and wide in the quarters from which they hail. The matter has been taken up by the citizens of Canton very much as the encouragement of tourist travel is taken up elsewhere, and no efforts are to be spared to attract people who desire divorces to the town, and to make their stay pleasant for them while they are there. This may sound grotesque, but it is the logical outcome of the anomalous condition of the law of divorce in the state. Such a manner of attracting population or gaining wealth is hardly commendable, but a state which maintains laws of such laxity must be made up of a people more or less shiftily and none too sensitive.

EASY ROADS.

The little misunderstandings relative to the late debate on socialism in Astoria are as nothing compared with the halo of blue cloud which rests over the valley institutions of learning on account of the borrowed "oratory" there delivered and purporting to be the real stuff. Orator Smith of McMinnville captured a big gold medal at the late contest in Eugene by making use of a brilliant speech belonging to Senator Vance of North Carolina. His college is now debarred from participation in the next event. On a previous occasion McMinnville lost to Newberg by coming up against the same sure thing game. What is the matter with Oregon? Must the eloquence of the rising generation be supplied second-hand by the effete east? Do the Oregon colleges teach an inferior grade of honesty and manhood? How about the judges who were not discriminating enough to detect the misfit thunder of the plagiarists and to award the laurels to the contestants who spoke from the heart, if there were such? It is well that the shameful prizewinners have been widely published, that the youth of Oregon may not again forget that the true road to fame is not always the quickest route, and success won unfairly is most unsuccessful.

DON'T BLAME THE ASSESSOR.

One of the commonest complaints met with by the county assessor, in

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his efforts to raise the valuation of property is that higher valuations will mean higher taxes. People thoughtlessly arrive at this conclusion, for a moment's reflection will show that the greater the amount of property assessed in the county and the more widely it is distributed, the lower the levy will be to raise the necessary amount. One of the vital benefits of a high valuation is that all property pays some part of the tax. Under low valuations a great amount of property escaped paying any tax whatever, under the exemption law. As the present assessment is being conducted property heretofore not assessed is being added to the list, so the grand total will be distributed among a vastly increased number of individual property owners. This will result in a lower levy and a wider distribution of taxes among the citizens of the county.

Taxpayers in general will be better pleased if valuations are increased every year until they are brought up to the highest point, and the rate made correspondingly low.

ARE BARGAINSALES NECESSARY?

Are there too many bargain sales? At one of the recent state conventions a prominent dealer said there were. It looks, however, as if conditions in each town or each community would be a big factor in deciding the question, says the Commercial Bulletin.

Bargain sales are as necessary in modern day advertising as opening of the doors every morning or hanging a sign over the door. No matter whether they are a good thing or not, they are here as a strongly fortified custom and here to stay.

How many bargain or clearance sales should a merchant have in the course of a year? A good authority says not more than four. One every three months helps keep the stock down, cleans out the odds and ends, satisfies the bargain hunting public and maintains the merchant's reputation for enterprise.

This idea means that the rest of the trade campaign must be conducted on every day advertising and a straight hustle for business.

Every merchant should begin his spring work by sorting up his stock and getting it in the best of shape.

The consumer is looking for new goods and new things as soon as spring opens.

The dealer who leaves a pair of felt shoes where his customer can see them is bidding for a reputation as a behind-the-times merchant.

The grocer who has not his canned goods, dried fruit, and every other line on which the demand in spring increases, well to the fore, is bidding for the same name.

Spring is the time for new possibilities, new ambition, and new trade, and the dealer should prepare for it thoroughly.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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IT SAVED HIS LEG.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by Charles Rogers, druggist.

Itching piles? Never mind if physicians have failed to cure you. Try Doan's Ointment. No failure there. 50c per bottle. For sale by Charles Rogers, druggist.

Bridge Proposals

Notice is hereby given that plans, specifications, strain diagrams and bids will be received by the county court of Clatsop county, state of Oregon, until 5 p. m., Tuesday, May 5th, 1903, for the building, construction and erection of a drawbridge across the Lewis and Clark river in Clatsop county, Oregon, according to such plans, specifications and diagrams.

Location of bridge is shown on maps now on file in the county clerk's office as approved by the Hon. Secretary of War.

Bridge to be a steel swinging draw bridge with a clear space of 70 feet on each side of the draw rest. As is also directed by the Hon. secretary of war.

Approaches to be pile trestle with a 15 foot clear road or driveway. Bidders shall attach to their bid a certified check equal to 10 percent of the same and check made payable to the order of the county clerk or may deposit the amount in cash at time of filing his or their bid.

Said check or cash to be forfeited to the county of Clatsop, state of Oregon, if after an award is made or bid is accepted said bidder fails or refuses for a period of two days to enter into contract and file a bond as may be required by the county court aforesaid.

Payments for said bridge to be made by warrants drawn on a special fund created by the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, at their regular term in January, 1903, same being a term of 1-1-2 mills on the dollar for a term of four years. Bids to be sealed and marked "Proposals for Draw Bridge across the Lewis and Clark River," and filed in the office of the county clerk.

The county court, however, reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Court. J. C. Clinton, Clerk.

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Every Household in Astoria Should Know How to Resist It.

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Proposals for beef and mutton: Of- fice Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., April 9, 1903. Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and mutton for six months beginning July 1, 1903 will be received here and at offices of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Oregon; Boise Barracks, Idaho; Forts Casey, Canby, Plager, Walla Walla, Wright, Worden, Lawton and Vancouver Barracks, Wash., until 11 a. m. May 3, 1903, and then opened. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Mutton," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Col. F. E. Nye, chief com'y.

TRAGEDY AVERTED.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, O. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and lung diseases. Guaranteed by Charles Rogers, druggist. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

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Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 25, 1903. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 21, 1903, for furnishing fuel at military posts in this department for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1903. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts. United States reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Fuel at —" addressed F. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

U. S. Engineer office, Portland, Ore., March 25, 1903. Sealed proposals will be received here for 475,000 tons, more or less, stone for extension of jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Ore., and Wash., until 11 a. m., April 30, 1903, and then publicly opened. Information on application. W. C. Langfitt, Capt. Engrs.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 25, 1903.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 16, 1903, for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Information furnished here or by quartermaster at post. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon," addressed F. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

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 11:05 a. m. Flavel, Fort Stevens, 4:30 p. m.
 5:50 p. m. Hammond and Astoria 9:40 p. m.

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